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TO: Town Council and Residents of Indian River Shores

FROM: Robert H. Stabe, Jr., Town Manager

DATE: November 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Cell Tower Status

Representatives of John's Island, the Mayor and I met with Datapath Towers on November 6th and discussed the action plan based on the information gained through the recent Town Council workshop on October 22nd.

It was determined that the most favorable location for the cell tower is the property surrounding the electric sub-station located at the west end of Fred Tuerk Drive. This location is the furthest away from any residential structures and, because the electric substation already exists, the addition of the tower in an already unfavorable location should not detract from any surrounding properties. This location will also potentially provide a more than adequate cellular signal to the entire Town.

This tower is preferred by all of the carriers because it provides them with a superior signal and also provides them many options to better fine-tune their signals to ensure optimal coverage throughout the Town. And this one tower may eliminate the need to install a second cell tower on John's Island property.

The next step in the process is for the location to be surveyed and renderings of the tower be drawn. Datapath has requested that each of the carriers conduct their own Radio Frequency (RF) studies to determine their specific coverage needs. A crane may be placed on the site and extended to the proposed height by prospective carriers in order to carry out their RF study, which will give the residents an opportunity to determine their personal view. We will provide notice beforehand.

They have also submitted the location to the FAA seeking approval and will also be contacting all of the State and Federal regulatory agencies for all required permits/approvals.

We anticipate the project being introduced to the Planning/Zoning/Variance Board at their January 2016 meeting.

You are invited to our [webpage for updates](#), and a historical perspective of this effort is being

researched and added to the page as time permits and data is located.

